

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Endo-Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Endo-Roberts, Korman, Shwartz, and Chairperson Miranda.

Absent: Commissioner Rische (previously excused).

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved for the approval of the May 17, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. LOMITA ANZA PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATE

Manager Rappoport reported that staff had tentatively scheduled the community tile art workshop for June 26, 2010; however, the workshop had to be cancelled and will be rescheduled for a date in the next couple of weeks. She noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission is in charge of recommending a name for the park and is hoping the name that is selected will lend itself to a theme for the tile project.

7B. WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

Manager Rappoport reported that the Commission's recommendation to contract with the architectural design firm Land Concern for the Wilson Park Amphitheatre Improvements Project is moving forward and is tentatively scheduled for consideration by City Council on July 13, 2010. She noted that the project might not need to go to City Council because it is under \$10,000.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. 2010-2011 COMMISSION NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

Manager Rappoport recommended that the Commission follow past tradition and elect officers on the basis of seniority.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to elect Commissioner Endo-Roberts for Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for fiscal year 2010-2011. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische).

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to elect Commissioner Candioly for Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission for fiscal year 2010-2011. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische).

8B. 2010-2011 BUDGET UPDATE

Manager Rappoport reported that budget hearings were held on May 25, June 7, and June 15, 2010 and that the City targeted \$8.9 million for the second year of the two-year 2009-2011 Operating Budget. She reviewed proposed budget reductions: Elements with the least negative impacts to program and services (Group A), noting that all reductions were approved with the exception of Elimination of the Rose Float (\$132,000). She informed Commissioners that Elimination of "Wild Wednesdays!" was in Group A. She stated that Program Changes Alternatives (Group D) were proposed reductions to substitute if any items in Group A were not approved. She reported that, as Elimination of the Rose Float was not approved, the following reductions impacting the Cultural Services Division were approved: Elimination of 4 Concerts in the Park in 2011, Elimination of 2011 Oodles of Noodles, Increase various class and program fees, and Reduce Registration Desk hours at the Cultural Arts Center. She noted that City Council was committed to no furloughs or lay-offs for permanent staff and was pleased to announce that there would be no elimination of the Summer Musical.

In response to Chairperson Miranda's inquiry, she stated that the new Torrance buses were provided by Federal stimulus funds and cost the City very little.

Responding to Commissioner Candioly's inquiry, Manager Rappoport explained that Cultural Services Consultant Powers started working for the City in 1994, noting that his \$64,000 contract is split into four areas—Works in Progress, Concerts in the Park, Wild Wednesdays!, and Oodles of Noodles. She commended his hard work and efforts to include community groups in his programs, noting that Works in Progress brings in

revenue and almost breaks even. She expressed hope that community groups will come forward to save his programs that were cut.

A brief discussion centered on the importance of the Torrance Rose Float and the difficulty of getting back in if it was eliminated for a year.

8C. CANCELLATION OF AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING

Manager Rappoport reported that customarily the Commission goes dark in the month of August due to conflicts with vacations and other summer activities.

Commissioner Korman stated that the Excellence in Arts Awards Ceremony is in October and questioned if there would be enough time to review nominations.

It was decided to revisit going dark in August at the July 19, 2010 Commission meeting.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Candioly encouraged Commissioners in each category to solicit nominations.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 7B.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Manager Rappoport reported that the Commission's grant recommendations were approved by City Council.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for May 2010 was included in agenda packets. She distributed fliers for Summer Concerts and Movies in the Park as well as Zoom 2: Three Saturdays of Performance and Sound at Torrance Art Museum. She was pleased to announce that a \$2,000 Arts and Education grant from Don Knabe's office was received for the Stories in Art Program.

11. ORALS

11A. Commissioner Shwartz stated that she enjoyed "South Pacific" at the Ahmanson Theatre, "Sarah, Sarah" and "Behind the Gates" at two small Los Angeles theaters, fundraising performances and reception at Walt Disney Hall, a wedding, and her nephew's graduation. She announced that she is retiring in July 2010 after 37 years with the School District.

11B. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed Seattle Art Museum, the City Yard Open House, a Kurt Cobain show, an opening at Museum of Contemporary Art, and several Chinatown galleries.

11C. Commissioner Candioly shared information about his visit to Las Vegas and seeing the memorabilia under Caesar's Palace. He also enjoyed Ooodles of Noodles and read aloud a letter of appreciation from his uncle who participated in the Armed Forces Day parade.

11D. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed the Arts Council of Torrance award luncheon for seniors at the Doubletree, the Torrance Symphony fundraiser, and announced a Torrance Symphony concert at Wilson Park on August 22, 2010.

11E. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed attending Ooodles of Noodles, the documentary "Stonewall Uprising," and Azteca dancing at the Watts Marketplace. She shared information about her participation on the Youth Council selection committee as well as the Commissioner Training she attended.

11F. Chairperson Miranda stated that he was in Las Vegas in early June, that his brother and his family visited, and that he went to Raleigh, North Carolina where he had the opportunity to visit the National Museum of History.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:56 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Miranda so ordered.

Approved as Submitted July 19, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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